

Comment Form

STATE DEPARTMENT

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Comment

SUBJECT: 22 CFR Parts 96 and 98 I recently read with GREAT ALARM about the above passed legislation dealing with the Hague Convention and how it affects international adoption. As I understand it, the U.S. State Department is drafting regulations in compliance with this law that will SEVERELY limit adoptions of children overseas. Among the negatives (and there are many) are: * Fees will sky rocket and many American citizens will be financially unable to complete an international adoption. * Waiting lists for service will be long, not less. * The CENTRAL AUTHORITY of the proposed regulations will create MORE government, not less. * Only a small number of agencies will be able to comply with the proposed regulations. This will create a monopoly amongst a few big agencies. * For every healthy infant born in the US, where the birthparents have made an adoption plan, there are 200 couples that want that child. I am 45 years old and this is my second and maybe last try at adopting a child internationally after a failed attempt from an incompetant agency I'd previously dealt with. MY TIME TO ADOPT INTERNATIONALLY IS RUNNING OUT. PLEASE DON'T MAKE IT WORSE OR EVEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ADOPT. THIS INVOLVES CHILDREN, FOR GOODNESS SALES. PLEASE HAVE COMPASSION FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE STILL TRYING TO HAVE A FAMILY OF OUR OWN.